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§8-712.3.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Livery vessel owner” means a person who engages in whole or in part in the business of renting, leasing, or chartering a Class A vessel for a period of less than 24 hours.

(3) “Class A vessel” means a motorboat that is less than 16 feet in length as defined by the U.S. Coast Guard in 46 C.F.R. § 24.10–17.

(4) “Seaworthy condition” means the ability to withstand ordinary stress of wind, waves, and other weather that the vessel might normally be expected to encounter.

(b) A livery vessel owner or an agent or employee of the livery vessel owner may not rent or offer for rent a Class A vessel to be operated on the waters of the State unless:

(1) Each vessel is in seaworthy condition and equipped for the waters where the vessel is intended to be used; and

(2) The livery vessel owner or agent or employee of the livery vessel owner possesses a boating safety certificate approved by the Department.

(c) A violation of subsection (b) of this section shall be considered a boating safety violation for purposes of § 8-740(a) of this subtitle.

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